

**Notice of Completion and Availability
Draft Environmental Impact Report (SCH# 2014061029)
Mono County RTP/General Plan Update**

Project: Mono County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/General Plan Update

Lead Agency: Mono County, Community Development Department

Project Location: Mono County is located on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada in the eastern-central portion of the state of California sharing a long border with the state of Nevada to the east, the California counties of Alpine, Tuolumne, Madera and Fresno to the west along the crest of the Sierra Nevada, and Inyo County to the south. The northernmost point is located at Latitude 38°42'47"N, Longitude 119°35'07"W, and the southern border is along Latitude 37°27'45"N. The County encompasses 3,132 sq. mi. with a vast majority (94%) publicly owned, primarily by the US Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the City of Los Angeles. The private lands include numerous unincorporated communities including the county seat (Bridgeport) and one incorporated city (Mammoth Lakes). In addition to the rugged eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada, much of which is designated federal wilderness, notable geographical features within the county include the White Mountains, Mono Lake, and the Long Valley Caldera.

Project Description: The proposed project is a comprehensive update of the Mono County General Plan, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), three elements of the Integrated Waste Management Plan (IWMP), and associated actions. The project includes goals, objectives, policies, actions, implementation programs, regulations and ordinances, and the repeal of a specific plan. The General Plan, RTP and IWMP cover the unincorporated areas. The RTP also applies to the town of Mammoth Lakes, and the IWMP addresses solid waste issues within the town. The General Plan and RTP update continue to focus growth in and adjacent to existing communities to avoid growth in environmentally sensitive areas, and support sustainable, healthy, and livable communities. The project will replace the currently adopted General Plan, RTP and IWMP.

Summary of Significant Environmental Impacts: The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) indicates potentially significant impacts relating to biological resources, geology, cultural resources, hydrology, recreation, aesthetics, and utilities & public services.

Public Review Period: The formal public review period for the DEIR will be 60 days, the maximum allowed by law, running July 31, 2015, to Sept. 29, 2015, at 5 pm. All comments received by the closing of the public review period will be considered in the Final EIR.

Public Hearings: Public outreach will be conducted during September 2015, and a public hearing by the Mono County Planning Commission is anticipated in November 2015. Dates will be posted at <http://monocounty.ca.gov/planning/page/mono-county-general-plan-update> as they are scheduled.

Reviewing Locations: All project documents and a copy of the Draft EIR and all attachments and exhibits are electronically available on the Mono County website: <http://monocounty.ca.gov/planning/page/mono-county-general-plan-update>. Printed copies will be on file for public review at the Mono County Community Development offices in Mammoth Lakes (437 Old Mammoth Rd., Suite P, Minaret Village Mall, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546) and in Bridgeport (74 School St, Annex I, Bridgeport, CA 93517). Printed copies will be available at the following public libraries: Benton, Bridgeport, Coleville, Crowley Lake, June Lake, Lee Vining, and Mammoth Lakes.

Comments: All comments should be submitted in writing to: Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Department, PO Box 347, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. Fax: 760-924-1801, email: wsugimura@mono.ca.gov For more information, call 760-924-1800. Por favor llámenos, si necesita información en español. 760-924-1800